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PROGRAM

7:00-8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-8:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Georgann Grunebach, Esq.

Vice President, Intellectual Property, Fox Group Legal

8:15-8:30 Keynote Address

Honorable **Fern M. Smith** (Ret.), U.S. District Court Judge for the Northern District of California will speak on her experiences on the Bench,

"The Evolution of the Patent Trial".

8:30-9:30 Present and Future Perspectives of the Patent

Examination Corps

The Patent Examiner is the linchpin of daily patent operations. How are they being recruited, trained and mentored within the Office to enhance the Applicant experience and provide enhanced customer service. Deputy Commissioner Love will analyze the current state of the Examining Corps and share with you the Patent Office's goal for their future.

Deputy Commissioner John J. Love, Deputy Commissioner for Patent

Examination Policy

9:30-9:45 Break

9:45-10:45 Present and Future Perspectives of the Board

of Patent Appeals and Interferences

Chief Judge Fleming will provide an overview of the latest programs in place and pending at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to facilitate and enhance the efficiencies of this organization. Learn how the Board will incorporate Patent Attorney staff in conjunction with sitting judges to facilitate case resolution. The Chief Judge will discuss work efficiencies that

enhance and expedite cases through the Board.

Chief Judge Michael R. Fleming, Chief Administrative Patent Judge

10:45-11:45 KSR The Morning After!

A spirited review of cases and panel discussion on the implementation of the KSR decision in the day to day activities of the examination

of applications at the USPTO.

Deputy Commissioner John J. Love and Chief Judge Michael R. Fleming

11:45-1:00 pm Luncheon with General Counsel James Toupin

Patent Reform Bill & Recent Cases

No single Act in the past fifty years has prompted more discussion and critique since the proposed Patent Reform Bill. General Counsel Toupin will look to the cases and the Bill itself to provide a unique perspective on the raison d'etre for this groundbreaking Act and how it will impact the day to day operations of both Applicants and the Office.

SCHEDULE

1:00-1:15 Break 1:15-2:15 Present and Future Perspectives on Patent Litigation This panel of recognized California patent litigators will discuss how changes at the USPTO, the proposed legislation and the quality of patents positively and negatively impact their world of patent litigation. Moderator: JoAnna Esty, Esq., Partner, Venable, LLP Panelists: Louis L. Touton, Esq., Jones Day, LLP Breton A. Bocchieri, Esq., Partner Thelen Reid Borwn Raysman & Steiner, LLP Benjamin W. Hattenbach, Esq. Partner, Irell & Manella, LLP 2:15-3:15 New Practitioner Discipline Process Rules General Counsel Toupin will discuss the proposed practitioner discipline process rules. General Counsel James Toupin Break 3:15-3:30 3:30-4:30 **Ethics for Patent Practitioners** Mr. Anderson will speak on the topics of Inequitable Conduct and patent prosecution with special emphasis on materiality and intent, oaths and affidavits in a post McKesson world. Lowell Anderson, Esq. Stetina, Brunda, Garred & Brucker 4:30-4:45 Closing Remarks R. Dabney Eastham, Esq. T. J. Singh, Esq., Partner, Klein, ONeill & Singh, LLP 4:45-6:00 Hosted Networking Reception

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